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## Fans brave variety of conditions for good basketball seats

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The resurrection of camping out prior to K-State men’s basketball games excited masses of students.

Hours before games at Bramlage Coliseum, a variety of camping styles can be seen running parallel to Snyder Family Stadium in the KSU Sports Complex. Blankets, board games, makeshift chairs and decks of cards are common sights across the landscape of students. Beyond the basics, the similarities end and many groups exhibit their own style.

Adam Eisenbart, sophomore in business administration pre-professions, said his group mainly focuses on keeping their place in line.

“We will listen to music,” he said. “Mainly it’s just telling stories and stuff. None of us want to do that much other than hold our place in line. We will talk about shenanigans and what we did last night.”

Eisenbart’s group, which features members of Kappa Delta sorority and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, does occasionally branch out.

“Sometimes we play card games,” said Tana Smith, senior in history and

anthropology and a member of Kappa Delta. “We played Pitch a couple games ago and got a friend from another group. We also play Hearts, BS or War and other card games. Sometimes we try to take homework but we never do that, because we just pass the time talking amongst us ourselves or amongst other people. At the Texas game we booed other people cutting in line, that hadn’t been in line.”

K-State’s rise in prominence resulted in longer waits for big games. During her sophomore year (2008), Smith said she waited to enter the KU game for 14 to 15 hours. For some younger students, the benchmark for waiting was set by the Texas game on Jan. 18. Curtis Concannon, sophomore in biology, said he waited with his group for around seven and a half to eight hours. Meanwhile, Eisenbart came unprepared for the elements.

“It was supposed to be a little warmer that day but it was very cold,” he said. “I was in a hurry, and was only in jeans and a hoodie for 10 hours.”

Even before it became a necessity to endure a long wait for premiere seats, Smith said girls from her sorority still fanned out around the parking lot in

attempt to secure the first spot in line during her freshman year (2007).

“That was unique because other people hadn’t gotten into camping out before games yet,” she said.

Satisfaction with the different line-up procedures is constant. Concannon believes allowing the line-up procedure for the KU game this year to mirror the Texas game.

“That is as packed as that arena is ever going to get,” he said. “I got there seven and a half hours before the game and chilled with my friends and we didn’t have any issues.”

Current procedures are even considered superior to other universities. The University of Kansas has indoor camping, which Eisenbart considers “easy.” He appreciates having to deal with the variables while camping outside.

“Some people don’t like it,” he said. “But I enjoy it.”

To Smith, the procedures for the KU game represent why she hopes camping becomes a tradition again.

“Because those people who are the most loyal and have the most spirit are rewarded getting the best spots inside,” she said.

## Obama promises aid to college students

Sam Nearhood | COLLEGIAN

Comparing the status quo to D-Day, the stock market crash on Black Tuesday and the abuses of civil rights marchers on Bloody Sunday, President Barack Obama addressed the nation in his first State of the Union speech on Wednesday.

In his speech, Obama attended to some of the most crucial issues of the time, including the economy, convergence between rival political parties, support and patience from the American people and financing higher education.

And this last one perked up the ears of students at K-State.

Obama outlined a number of reforms he would like to see effected regarding post-secondary education. He proposed cutting taxes for “eight million Americans paying for college,” forgiving student loans after 20 years of payment – 10 years if the student chooses a career in public service – and increasing the de-

sirability of community colleges.

Larry Moeder, assistant vice president for student life and director of admissions and student financial aid, said he was happy with the policies Obama outlined in his speech.

“I was pleased with his remarks on education,” Moeder said. “I think it’s heading very much in the right direction by getting more money to stu-

dents.”

Among his reasons for agreement with the president, Moeder said he concurred with Obama’s views on Pell Grants and loan repayment.

Students can receive loans in

two ways: from the federal government or private banks, Moeder said. When a bank loans a student money for college, the federal government sends the

bank a certain subsidy.

A bill up for renewal in Congress, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, will stop these subsidies. Obama said he supported this resolution.

“To make college more affordable,” Obama said, “this bill will finally end the unwarranted taxpayer subsidies that go to banks for student loans.”

Instead, he proposed both a \$10,000 tax credit to families of students attending four years of college and raising Pell Grants.

Moeder said he would “totally support” increasing the amount of money for Pell Grants, because they help some of the “neediest” students, and students should be receiving more money.

Currently, fewer than 4,000 K-State students are receiving a Pell Grant, Moeder said. This totals to nearly \$12 million coming from the federal government to assist K-Staters in their

## No reason to lose hope



Mayra Rivarola

Hopes were high a year ago when President Obama inherited a country with \$1.3 billion of debt, two unresolved and controversial wars, and an economy on the meltdown. His inaugural speech was sober enough to remind everyone that although U.S. citizens had surpassed a major obstacle, the road was going to be long and rough.

And it has been.

Recent polls suggest that President Obama’s popularity has been dwindling. Republicans are still ecstatic about their victory last week on the Massachusetts senatorial elections, claiming that the elections have sent the administration a strong message of discontent.

Americans should focus on the facts instead of listening to the opinions of opportunist politicians. After all, no reasonable person can expect the administration to clean up in one year the eight years of failed policies that left an entire economy in shambles and a global sentiment of anti-Americanism.

The truth is, President Obama has been delivering many of his strong promises to the people. He has had his missteps and stumbles, and he sure has much to accomplish still, but it has been a good start.

Everyone has been talking about how this administration has not been able to immediately deliver new jobs to the unemployed. But nobody seems to remember that a few months ago, companies were dismissing thousands of workers per week. The unemployment rate has remained high, but at least it’s not rising.

Sadly, job creation is a slow process and to get businesses reinvesting again will take time. With the Recovery Act, around two million jobs were saved, which otherwise would have been lost. The act, which passed last year, provided support and benefits to the unemployed, offering 25 different tax breaks, rebates and other government-sponsored benefits.

Tax breaks and benefits reached 95 percent of families in the U.S., including small businesses and first-time home buyers. An important tuition was given to students and parents who pay for post-secondary education, estimated savings of \$9 billion for nearly five million families.

President Obama said during the State of the Union speech on Wednesday that he expects 1.5 million jobs to be created this year. Economists estimate that job creation will continue until 2016 with the Recovery Act.

President Obama has also shown commitment and understanding to policies directed to protecting our environment.

EPA has aggressively embarked on a campaign to clean up the country’s air and drinking water with Jackson and the president’s leadership. And although negotiations to curb greenhouse gas emission were unsuccessful in Copenhagen, new national regulations are important steps taken toward a cleaner planet.

Last spring, the president ordered 35.5 miles-per-gallon standard for cars, SUVs and other light trucks by 2016, the first greenhouse gas and fuel efficiency standards the country has seen. He also worked with Congress to set more than \$50 billion of the budget available for renewable energy investments, a step taken to improve the nation’s economy and security, reducing the country’s dependency on foreign oil.

On foreign policy, President Obama has set a new course for Afghanistan, changed the tone for negotiations, and overall improved the image of the U.S. abroad, something that Bush had almost completely destroyed.

The media has focused on high unemployment rates and on the administration’s failure to pass a much needed health reform. Americans should steer away from popular scare tactics and keep their high hopes on the president’s ability to put the United States back on its feet.

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# K-State competes in per capita classic

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For the second year in a row K-State is stepping up its effort to “go green” and is competing in the internationally known Recyclemania competition.

Nine years ago, Recyclemania became a competition aimed at decreasing waste and increasing recycling efforts on campuses. It began with two schools, but has quickly grown to 605. The competition includes hundreds of schools across the U.S., several in Canada and one school in Qatar.

The contest began Jan. 17 and will run 10 weeks, ending on March 27.

Each week schools report waste and recycling numbers to the competition Website, [recyclemania.org](http://recyclemania.org). There are four participating categories and K-State is registered in the Stephen K Gaski Per Capita Classic. In this category, schools collect paper products, cardboard and beverage containers, like bottles and cans, and strive for the largest amount collected per student.

In the first week of the contest K-State collected a total of 11,800 pounds of mixed papers, 9,340 pounds of cardboard and 347 pounds in bottles and cans.

Joe Myers, facilities services, said although the school is lacking in promotion at the moment, they have still managed to collect nearly double what was collected in the first week of competition last year. With the semester and the competition just beginning, the first two weeks are trial and error.

While facilities services is the main group to run the participation efforts, one on-campus group that will help promote the competition is Students for Environmental Action.

Andrew McGowan, senior in agronomy and president of SEA, said the group hopes to promote the competition by creating posters to put up around campus and possibly have a display set up in the K-State Student Union.

McGowan said Recyclemania provides an excuse for SEA and facilities to ramp up on recycling efforts. He said he thinks making recycling into a competition “helps a little bit, but it doesn’t seem like student body has really jumped on the competition aspect like other schools do.”

Ben Champion, director of sustainability, said not only can competition help energize people to get involved, but it can also get people talking about important issues.

“The awareness of the competition can lead to greater activity,” Champion said. “It helps a lot of the different groups to work together on campus.”

Each week collection numbers will be posted to the Recyclemania Web site, allowing participant to keep track of their numbers, as well as the progress of others.

Myers said he thinks it is nice for everybody to be able to see the progress being made.

“Most people don’t think of what’s being generated,” he said. “It really adds up.”

# Alternative Breaks provides service trips, volunteer work for students

**Danny Davis | COLLEGIAN**

Spring break for the college student typically means a chance to relax and take a break from the college workload. There are those, however, who prefer to donate their break to a greater cause and volunteer on an alternate spring break trip.

The Alternative Breaks program at K-State gives students the chance to travel across the country during their break on one of several trips.

On the trips, students work with various organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club, an AIDS service and Save the Family. The program has nine available openings for each of the six trips.

This year, groups will be going to Dallas; Galveston Island, Texas; Tennessee; Chicago; Arizona and New Orleans, said Krystin Matuszewicz, Alternative Breaks student coordinator.

“It is really a great opportunity for working in communities as well as meeting other K-State students,” Matuszewicz said. “It provides something fulfilling over spring break.”

Last year in Dallas the group working with an AIDS service helped the organization with basic needs, such as housing, transportation and meals, Matuszewicz said. One year the group helped the organization build a gazebo, she said.

The trip to the Cumberland Trail in Tennessee requires the most labor, Matuszewicz said. Students on that trip will help in trail building and trail clearing.

Students in the past have found alternative breaks to be worthwhile.

“I didn’t know what to expect going [to Dallas],” said Jacob Devolder, senior in biology. “It was a positive experience.”

Devolder said the trip was not filled with work constantly. They were able to explore the city and meet people while they were there.

Samantha Smith, junior in life sciences, dedicated part of her winter break to go to St. Louis and serve meals to homeless people. During the group’s first night there, they stayed in a homeless shelter.

“That was quite an experience,” Smith said. “We also ate meals with homeless people.”

When considering an Alternate Break trip, Smith said to be prepared for anything that happens because it will not always go as planned.

Alternative Break trips cost \$200-250, Matuszewicz said. In the past, the group has done fundraising and for those who could not afford it, there are private donors who will help.

The deadline to apply is Feb. 5. Matuszewicz encourages everyone to apply, especially people with a leadership mentality and positive attitude.

Applications are available on the School of Leadership Web site, [k-state.edu/leadership/AB.html](http://k-state.edu/leadership/AB.html).

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# Electorial Shock



## United States needs new breed of politicians



Marshall B. Frey

Republican Scott Brown’s win in the Democratic state of Massachusetts marked the pages of history in more than one way. Chiefly, it was the first time in 50 years that the voters elected a Republican to the seat left vacant by the passing of former Sen. Ted Kennedy. Secondly, it could possibly mean that the end is near for the Democrats’ health care legislation for lack of votes in the Senate. Yet, perhaps most notably was the fact that the Obama administration seemingly found a way to pin the loss of Martha Coakley on former president George W. Bush.

The remarks casting the

blame of the election of a Republican in a historically Democratic state on a former Republican president is absolutely illogical. The comments made by President Obama and other White House aides are absurd and unfounded. It almost would appear as if the current administration wants to play the blame game rather than roll up its sleeves and go to work. For an American citizen, it would be more satisfying and pleasing to see whether a politician, Democrat or Republican, go to bat for people in the halls of power rather than play the blame game on national morning talk shows.

Politicians are elected by their constituents to represent the wants, needs and opinions of their community. Yet, in today’s current political circus, it seems as if the politicians care only to please their own wants or the demands of the financial backers that finance their excessively elaborate campaigns.

For example, hardly anyone in the American public expresses a desire for public health care, yet it is perhaps the most discussed topic in the media. Rather, the people in our nation are crying for jobs. Additionally, a majority of Americans still express great concern for national security as recent attacks of “Underwear Bombers” feed their anxieties. Surprisingly, these issues do not seem to fit on today’s politicians’ political agendas. Rather, the public is forced a steady diet of unwanted health care propaganda while the real concerns of U.S. citizens go by the wayside.

Perhaps the election of politicians like Scott Brown can change some of this. Perhaps it will not. It is still much too early to hail him a hero, considering he just won the election last week and health care legislation still exists in the legislature. But perhaps Brown will usher in a new generation of politicians that fulfill their

civic duty to the American people by giving people what they want when they want it within constitutional means.

It is time for the people in Washington to represent the people that pay their salary and abandon hidden agendas that back the current political scene. President Lincoln said it best in the Gettysburg address, “Government is to be of the people, by the people and for the people.”

Sadly, America has strayed from these famous words and transformed into a country that represents individual wants and needs. The American public does not need health care or social reform or bailouts, but rather it needs politicians who execute their duties to the best of their abilities because it is what the voters elected them to do.

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## Haitian ‘help’ ineffective



Drew Morris

While perusing your *Facebook.com* account, you’ll undoubtedly come across an interesting group to join. These groups can be fun and entertaining, and if you’re joining for these reasons, there’s really no reason not to. However, if you’re joining the group to make a difference, you may want to reconsider your options.

The other day I noticed an invitation to a group trying to help Haiti. Its skewed idea of helping Haitians recover from the devastating earthquake was to wear a red shirt on a specific day. While this might make the wearer feel better, it does absolutely nothing to help anyone in Haiti.

They receive no more food, water or medical treatment from people wearing red shirts in Kansas. It doesn’t lead to more aid because the only people who realize what is going on are the people already in the Facebook group. People don’t magically connect someone wearing a red shirt to helping people in Haiti.

The group should advocate wearing shirts that say something specific about helping Haiti. It could also donate the money earned from the T-shirts to the Haitian people.

However, this group does mention how to donate money for the people in Haiti. The problem lies with the order in which people view the information. Not until the fifth paragraph is anything mentioned about providing money or aid to the people in need.

People can get caught up in superficial aspects of deeper issues. The group focuses on wearing the red shirts which detracts from any actual help that may occur. It’s as if they’re trying to promote an image of helping more than actual aid.

Another example: women were supposed to put the color of their bra on their Facebook status in support of breast cancer awareness. This may seem entertaining and novel to some, but those who view it as productive are mistaken. It seems like a fun way to promote awareness for breast cancer, but really it just gives people something fun to look at.

I admit that I was curious as to why colors were being posted on people’s statuses. When I found out why the colors were being posted, I was more distracted by the trivial game than motivated to help.

The idea of promoting support for those in need seems to trump the actual action necessary to accomplish anything. This incongruity between believed help and reality is more detrimental to the cause than beneficial. If people stay on this trend it will continue to take distract people from the real problems at hand. Find a real way to help and don’t let the trivial gimmicks mislead you.

# Ingram’s Article is offensive, inaccurate



Beth Mendenhall

Karen Ingram’s Jan. 14 article, “Enlisted women should be required to take birth control” is a feminist’s worst nightmare. Her denigration of women soldiers, and females in general, serves only to further women’s oppression and is based on assumptions rather than fact. Her diction is unprofessional and unwarranted, and her proposed solution is harmful to women’s health.

Ingram claims some enlisted women “sleep around” to intentionally become pregnant, enabling them to desert combat-zone deployments. This “cop-out” she claims, causes “legitimate” women soldiers to face prejudice and discrimination. “And who could blame the men?” she asks. Not only does Ingram lack statistics to back up her pregnancy claims, other than refer-

ring to a “large percentage,” but she has zero evidence of women soldiers’ intentions. These claims disguise, and even legitimize, the rampant sexual harassment and even sexual assault women soldiers face by blaming women for their own discrimination.

According to the Navy’s Work Loss Studies, pregnant military women lose no more work time than men, who are more likely to lose time due to disciplinary reasons or sports injuries.

Sexual assault and rape in the military are pervasive and under-reported. According to a Pentagon report, more than 2,900 sexual assaults were reported by enlisted women in 2008. Two-thirds of those involved rape or aggravated assault. One in three enlisted women will experience sexual assault while serving in the military. The Pentagon report also acknowledged that roughly 80 percent of rapes go unreported, because enlisted women fear backlash from their male counterparts.

According to Department of Defense statistics, only 2,711 enlisted wom-

en were released for being pregnant in 2007. Given the high rate of sexual assault in the military, and the low rate of pregnancy, it seems that in some cases, correlation could be causation.

According to Ingram, these women just can’t “keep their pants on” and shouldn’t “expect to have equal rights.” She puts all the blame of war time fornication on women, neglecting the plain fact that it takes two to tango. It seems the men can’t keep their pants on either, but Ingram isn’t asking for reversible vasectomies.

Women deserve equal rights, Karen. It’s not something they have to earn, or prove themselves worthy of. Shame on you for suggesting otherwise. And by the way, there’s a difference between “sex” and “gender,” even if you’re a soldier.

Ingram’s solution is mandatory Depo-Provera shots. Treating a soldier’s body as government property is a bad standard that would allow for things like mandatory testosterone injections to enhance muscle growth. It’s just another hormone.

Ingram ignores that

Depo-Provera has many negative side effects. For example, a 2004 study showed that Depo-Provera causes permanent bone density loss that increases the risk of osteoporosis. The reason there are so many types of hormonal contraception is that some women have extremely negative reactions to certain ones.

Ingram’s entire article describes pregnant military women as conniving cowards. Her introduction sets up the theme

of “legitimate” and “capable” military women vs those who “can’t keep their pants on.” This is the same distinction used to demonize enlisted women who report sexual assault or rape.

I only have two regrets in terms of Ingram’s article: that the Collegian would publish such a sexist article and that I didn’t read it sooner.

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# More Than Bragging Rights



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

K-State forward **Wally Judge** pulls down a rebound against Xavier on Dec. 8. Judge and the No. 11 Wildcats will take on No. 2 Kansas Saturday in Bramlage Coliseum. The game will serve as the feature matchup in ESPN's College GameDay lineup.

## No. 11 K-State to take on No. 2 Kansas in Bramlage

Ashley Dunkak | COLLEGIAN

After defeating Baylor on the road, K-State's schedule only gets more challenging as it faces No. 2 Kansas in Bramlage at 6 p.m. tomorrow. A game with Big 12 championship implications, this is an opportunity for K-State to show that three teams, not just Kansas and Texas, will be contenders come March.

At 17-3, 4-2 in Big 12 play, the Wildcats have beaten some quality opponents, such as then-No. 1 Texas in Bramlage and No. 24 Baylor on the road. Bouncing back from the loss to Oklahoma State with a win on Tuesday, Jan. 26, in Waco, Tex., showed the mental fortitude of the Wildcats, and they will need that same focus on Saturday against KU (19-1, 5-0).

"The game is a game of angles," Coach

Frank Martin said. "KU guys understand angles. We're still trying to learn that." In general, the value of a post player is not always manifested in a box score. Taking up space, hustling for loose balls and keeping opponents off the boards benefit a team in huge ways that do not necessarily translate into numbers. Keeping that in mind, KU junior center Cole Aldrich had 12 points, 16 rebounds and seven blocks against Missouri.

When he is accompanied by sophomores Markieff and Marcus Morris, the Jayhawks put forth a formidable front-court. However, K-State's big men, including senior center Luis Colon, junior forwards Dominique Sutton and Curtis Kelly and sophomore forward Jamar Samuels, should not be overlooked.

"Curt might not be as tall as them, but his wingspan is 7-foot-2," Martin said.

"He's got the ability because of his length to affect shots." With the way the Big 12 has been officiated recently, the contest is likely to be physical despite many fouls being called, so for either team to be successful, the players will need to keep their emotions under control, which is obviously easier said than done. They will also need to make free throws when given the chance because rivalry games such as this often come down to the wire.

The Jayhawks lost to Tennessee on Jan. 10. Tennessee outscored KU in the paint 30 to 20 and won despite being outrebounded 42-35 and shooting only 51.7 percent from the foul line. (The latter statistic is good news for K-State, whose team percentage is 65.4.) The Jayhawks were held to 37.7 percent shooting and only got 15 points from the foul

line against Tennessee. Conversely, the Vols shot 48.1 percent from the field and 50 percent from beyond the arc.

The Wildcats will need the hot shooting that guards Denis Clemente and Jacob Pullen displayed against Baylor, and they must also have the strength demonstrated by Colon, Sutton and Kelly in the Texas game. Better free throw shooting would be helpful also.

"You have to go through Kansas to win a Big 12 championship," Pullen said. "We have to get one of these games against them so we can really put ourselves in the driver's seat"

Martin always takes the blame when K-State does poorly, but the players have shown they have the physical and mental capacity to win in any situation, and it is up to them to take care of business on the home court.

## Wins over Baylor, Texas have very few similarities



Ashley Dunkak

The Wildcats have demonstrated throughout this season that they can win in a variety of ways. They have shown the ability to execute any aspect of the game well and nearly every player on the squad has stepped up in one game or another. So the question is not what they can do, but what they will do and who will do it.

If you consider the game in which K-State defeated Texas and the one in which they defeated Baylor, you see that the Wildcats messed with the Texas schools via two very different methods.

First, we have the Baylor game. Getting that win – even had it

not been a road game against a ranked team – was essential. The Wildcats could not afford consecutive losses heading into the Kansas game. As Coach Martin has said, when you have a two-game losing streak, it's really easy for it to become a three-game losing streak, and so on.

However, K-State largely neglected some fundamental elements of the game that night, such as offensive rebounding and defending underneath the basket. Free throw shooting was on the list again as well. Baylor got all kinds of inside penetration and consequently out-scored the Wildcats under the basket by 10 and went to the foul line twice as often. When K-State did get to the charity stripe, they only converted 9 of 16.

No member of the K-State front court scored or rebounded in double figures, but the guards rose out their recent shooting slumps and contributed 54 of the Wildcats' 76 points. Jacob Pullen was just heartless on the prime-

ter, draining six 3-pointers on the way to a 25-point performance. Denis Clemente also got back on track with 17 points.

Also, freshmen Jordan Henriquez-Roberts, who has played sparingly throughout the season, played over half the game and contributed five rebounds, six points, three blocks and some great defense.

End result: K-State 76, Baylor 74.

Now let's journey back to when Texas visited Bramlage. The dynamic duo of Pullen and Clemente could hardly throw the ball in the ocean during that game, but forwards Jamar Samuels and Curtis Kelly combined for 37 points and 20 rebounds, and K-State got 23 second-chance points while holding the Longhorns to 10 of the same.

The team as a whole played outstanding defense; only one Texas player scored in double figures, and he had 11 points. Free throws were a problem here as well; K-State went 20 for 32

from the line.

End result: K-State 71, Texas 62.

There were a few similarities between the games. Unsatisfactory free throw shooting (which came back to bite the Wildcats in the loss to Oklahoma State) occurred in both. The Wildcats turned the ball over 18 times in both games, which is not necessarily an awfully high number, but every turnover is another possession for the other team, so the Wildcats cannot be sloppy with the ball.

A more positive trend is the high number of assists for K-State: 16 against Texas and 14 against Baylor. Another plus in both games was the play of freshman Rodney McGruder, who has scored in double figures in the past four games.

So which team is K-State going to be on Saturday? Will Denis, Jake and Rodney catch fire on the outside? Will Curt, Jamar and Jordan rule the boards down low? If either of those happens

alone, it probably will not be enough to stop Kansas.

Oklahoma State proved that the way to challenge K-State is to guard them with a zone defense, and the only way to beat a zone is to keep the defenders honest by showing them that anyone is capable of scoring.

Consequently, the Wildcats need to make their presence felt both from behind the arc, in the paint and at the line. If they can't convert on free throws, what's to stop Kansas from putting in reserves to simply hack K-State into submission?

Also, the Wildcats must protect the basket. Baylor scored inside at will, and because Kansas has a super big man in Cole Aldrich and a dangerous slasher in Sherron Collins, they will definitely look to exploit opportunities in the paint the same way the Bears did.

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# Samuels developing into solid role-player for Wildcats

**Ashley Dunkak | COLLEGIAN**

Jamar Samuels, who racked up 20 points and grabbed 12 rebounds against No. 1 Texas, has come off the bench his whole life. The sophomore forward, who elected to leave high school for K-State a year early, said head coach Frank Martin started him against Nebraska last season, but it was not a good fit.

"I always look at the game and who I'm guarding and the things that the person's doing," Samuels said. "When I come in, I can see exactly what I can do to help the team."

Samuels said he told his mom he wants to win an award for being a sixth man. He said he wanted the award really bad and joked that is why he does not like starting.

Over the summer, Samuels worked to expand his game so he will be able to play both the three and four – small forward and power forward – positions. He said he worked mainly on dribbling and shooting and reported the ball handing is coming out a lot more. Right now he is playing the four about 75 percent of the time, he said.

"He's growing," Martin said of Samuels. "I'm pretty simple: if you work on your game, then I give you freedom, and he worked on his game this offseason and prepared himself to be able to do more things on the floor. Now if he takes a shot and it doesn't go in, he doesn't have to worry about taking the next one."

Although he is averaging 23.2 minutes per game for a nationally ranked team, Samuels did not begin as a basketball player. Up until seventh grade, he played primarily soccer.

"I still, to this day, say that's my favorite sport," Samuels said.

He said his dad was a very good soccer player in Jamaica. What convinced Samuels to switch to basketball? He started getting taller. He said he gets all his height from

his mom and that he is much taller than both his brothers.

Growing up as the middle child, Samuels said there was stiff competition with any sport, whether it was basketball, football or soccer.

"It was sibling rivalries every day," Samuels said. "Me and my brothers always got in a fight. Someone was going home crying to Mom."

Samuels grew up in Washington, D.C. and says the main difference between there and Manhattan is the amount of buildings. He compares the campus to a big farm, but said he is happy here. He said Manhattan is better than the Patterson School, where he played basketball in high school before coming to K-State.

"How the Rec is next to the farm, that's the entire Patterson School," Samuels said.

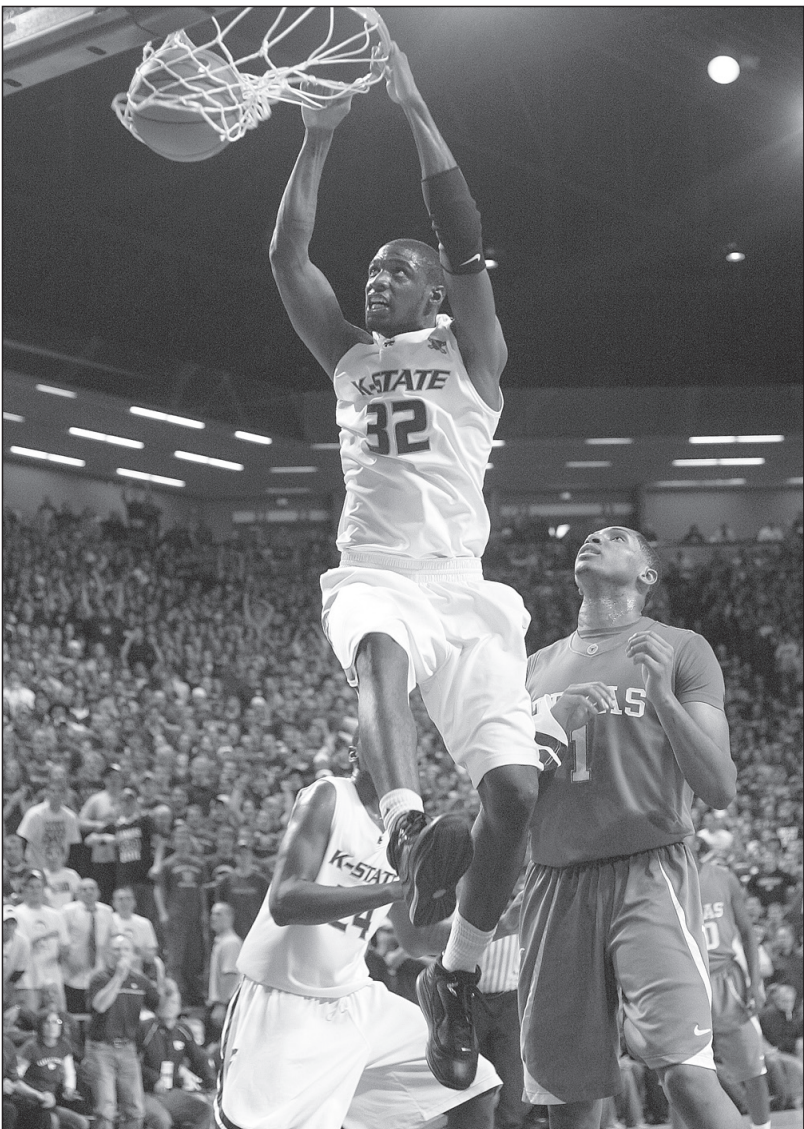
He chose to come to K-State because he knew assistant coach Dalonte Hill, junior forward Dominique Sutton and former Wildcat Michael Beasley. He also played with the D.C. Assault – an Amateur Athletic Union team – with Beasley and Sutton, as well as freshmen Rodney McGruder and Wally Judge.

He said the D.C. Assault is a big fraternity and that many of his former teammates contacted him to offer their congratulations after the Wildcats defeated Texas. He said it is nice to know that a lot of the DC Assault guys have become Division-I players.

The basketball memory that immediately comes to Samuel's mind is of defeating the arch rival Kansas when he came here as a freshman.

"I didn't even play, but it's still a memory I'm going to tell my grandchildren," Samuels said.

On Saturday, he will have the opportunity to add to that memory an even better one.



**Jamar Samuels** dunks the ball past Texas forward Gary Johnson in a win over the Longhorns on Jan. 18. The sophomore forward will look to duplicate his performance on ESPN's GameDay on Saturday.

Jonathan Knight  
COLLEGIAN

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

# Down goes KU

**Derrick Simmons | COLLEGIAN**

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Silence.

Complete and utter silence while 15,800 fans sat and watched in disbelief as K-State upset No. 1-ranked Kansas 68-64 Monday night in Allen Field House.

"We had started out 0-2 in the conference and we had our backs against the wall," said senior Anthony Beane. "This game was going to show what kind of character we had. We are fighters."

"It does a lot for your confidence. We didn't only beat a Big 8 school, but we beat the No. 1 team in the nation."

The game went down to the wire.

Jayhawk Sean Pearson tied the game at 64-64 with 43.6 seconds to go on a pass from Jacque Vaughn.

Beane took the ball just past mid-court and stood there, dribbling.

Beane, with about seven seconds left on the Cats' play clock, drove the lane to take the winning shot like he has done so many times in the past.

There was nothing but net.

K-State took the lead 66-64 with just 12.1 seconds remaining.

Beane, who scored 18 points and also had the final eight points for the Cats, said coach Dana Altman had called the play for

him to drive the lane and either pass or score.

"First thing I was thinking is that I had to get around my man," Beane said. "Once I get around my man, I just take what they give me."

KU's Patrick Richey then threw up an off-balance shot with about six seconds on the clock, but Beane was there for the rebound and was fouled.

With 1.9 seconds to go, the senior from Bernie, Mo., finished the Cats upset big by drilling both foul shots.

Askia Jones led all scorers with 26 points, including 17 in the second half. His three-pointer with 4:48 to play put the Cats up 60-57 and halted an 8-0 run by the Jayhawks.

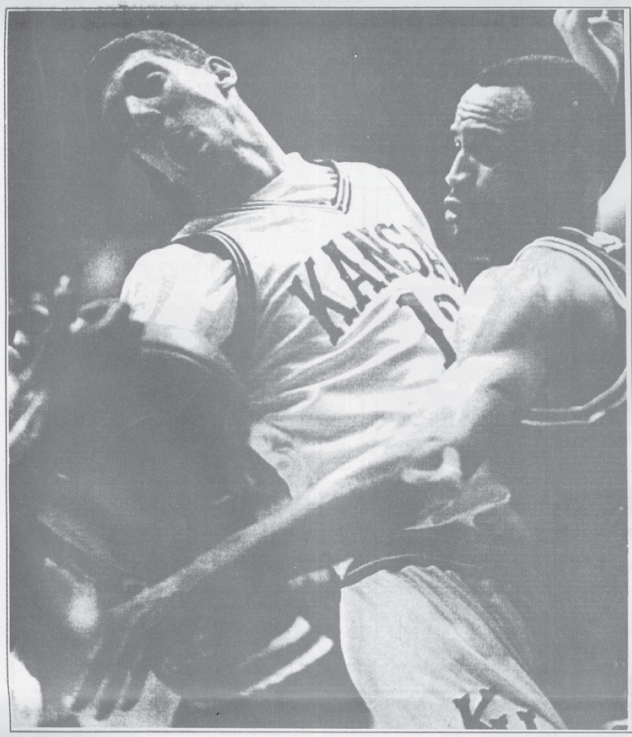
"We looked a little tired there," Altman said. "We were running out of gas. Then Ski sucked it up and hit a big three and made the clutch plays down the stretch."

"We needed something to start the fire, to get us going. This win is just something that could do that."

The Wildcats were desperately seeking their first Big 8 conference win of the season after starting 0-2 in the league and 12-3 overall.

The Jayhawks, on the other hand, were riding a 12-game winning streak and had claimed the No. 1 spot in the country on Monday.

Senior Deryl Cunningham grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds, helping the Cats out-rebound the Jayhawks 44-32. K-State was the Jayhawks' first opponent in 12 games to do that.



**Patrick Richey and Ron Lucas** fight for the ball underneath the basket during K-State's 68-64 upset over Kansas, Monday night at Allen Fieldhouse. Kansas had just moved to No. 1 in the nation Monday morning.

Demond Davis added nine points and eight rebounds for the Cats. This is the second straight time the Cats have beaten the Jayhawks.

Pearson paced KU with 15 points. Coach Roy Williams opted to pull Greg Ostertag in the first half, and the 7-foot-1 center didn't return for a large portion of the second period.

Richard Scott scored 11 points for Kansas, but was knocked out of the contest while underneath KU's basket with 15:49 to go. The early diagnose was a concussion.

"They've taken him to the hospital," Williams said. "It did hurt us, but we can't focus on that. We would take away from the performance of Askia Jones and Anthony Beane."

Williams took the blame for the loss.

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# Roller-coaster season only gets tougher in Big 12



The K-State women's team has battled through a tough season, filled with ups and downs. Last year's team played extremely well behind seniors Shalee Lehning, Marlies Gipson and Danielle Zanotti. Leading returner Ashley Sweat was expected to play well for the Wildcats, but the rest of the team's youth and inexperience caused the Wildcats to be picked to finish eighth of 12 in the conference's pre-season coaches' poll.

You can say what you want about the poll and how well the coaches know the league before the season even starts, but the Wildcats currently sit in eighth place in the league. While last year's seniors are still with the team, they can only offer help to this year's team in the form of coaching. This means the road will be tough for the Wildcats finishing out the season.

That's not to say that this team hasn't dramatically improved over the course of the year. Led by seniors Ashley Sweat and Kari Kincaid, the team put together a run of six straight victories over winter break, something most people would not have expected after watching the team drop their first two games to Indiana State and Arkansas State.

While the losses mounted early, the Wildcats persevered, leaning on freshmen guards Taelor Karr and Brittany Chambers to not only contribute immediately as freshmen, but to start alongside Kincaid. The Wildcats also got a surprise start to league play, routing a ranked Kansas team to extend their winning streak and continue the Wildcats dominance over

the Jayhawks.

All that said, the Wildcats are in a funk lately, and in the Big 12, things never seem to get much easier. Of its next seven games, only Missouri was picked to finish below the Wildcats in the preseason. Included in that gauntlet are games with No. 14 Baylor, No. 8 Texas A&M, No. 11 Oklahoma and No. 19 Texas. Not to mention a home match-up on Sunday with No. 22 Iowa State, a team similar in several ways to the Wildcats that has enjoyed a season that has exceeded expectations so far.

What will it take for the Wildcats to turn the corner and climb into the top half of the Big 12? Depth is certainly an issue. The team has had bad luck with injuries that have left them with only eight players in their most recent game against Nebraska. As the season continues, fatigue plays a factor in winning games, and lack of depth will hurt the Wildcats.

Also a factor is the development of the Wildcat freshmen. They have done well this season, but many times play inconsistently. Head coach Deb Patterson wants them to learn the fundamentals and play the game the right way, and that's not always easy to do in a tough league with young players. Sweat is easily the most consistent player for the team night in and night out, and Brittany Chambers has done well to score the ball. But the Wildcats need to find another scorer they can count on every night to contribute and make big shots.

Many people saw this year as a rebuilding year, and compared to recent history, it has been. However, there's no reason this team can't continue to battle adversity and make a splash at the Big 12 tournament in Kansas City in March.

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# Wildcats ready to take on Cyclones; begin two-game homestand Sunday

Tyler Scott | COLLEGIAN

The K-State women's basketball team (10-9, 2-3 Big 12 Conference) will look to end a three game losing streak when it hosts the No. 22 Iowa State Cyclones (16-3, 4-2) at Bramlage Coliseum on Sunday.

The Wildcats lost to two ranked teams in the conference and a close one against Colorado. Currently the team is in sixth place at 10-9 overall including a 2-3 record in the Big 12.

K-State hasn't played in almost a week and will look to get back in rhythm this weekend.

"It was really great from a coaching perspective," head coach Deb Patterson said of the break. "Iowa State has 1,999 plays. If you can defend two of them, then you're doing well."

The last time the Wildcats played the Cyclones, the team lost 60-50. That was exactly a year ago this Sunday on Jan. 31, 2009.

"Iowa State has a very unique system and it's unique to any other program in the country," Patterson said. "If you get them on a night when they're making shots they can make you look really bad. We're going to have to be very accountable defensively."

Iowa State will be the fourth nationally ranked team the Wildcats have played this month. They are led by senior guard Alison Lacey and junior guard Kelsey Bolte. Lacey is currently averaging 18 points a game while Bolte has more than 11.

The Cyclones are currently two spots in front of the Wildcats in the conference standings. They have already pulled off a stunning victory at No. 20 Texas last weekend.

Iowa State also has two players from Kansas City on their roster — one from the Missouri side and the other from the Kansas side. Senior guards Anna Florzak and Denae Stuckey will look to make an impression if they are to step on the floor this weekend.

Patterson said she is fired up for this game and it's two teams playing each other that understand themselves well.

"I think we really hate playing



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

K-State's **Brittany Chambers** shoots over a defender in a 63-57 home loss to Colorado on Jan. 20. Chambers is averaging more than 13 points per game for the Wildcats, good for second on the team.

each other," Patterson said. "Once in a while, one or the other will get the best, but I think out of any teams that line up against each other in this league we get Iowa State and they get us as well as any two teams get each other."

The Wildcats have been successful at home this year. Their last win in Bramlage came against Kansas.

"I think it's time for us to step up

at home and to assert ourselves to take advantage of the crowd support," Patterson said. "The crowd is always and advantage for your basketball team."

The team will want to get their seniors more involved also. Seniors Ashley Sweat and Kari Kincaid have been hit and miss from the field recently. Sweat only hit four of 11 shots, while Kincaid hit three of six against Nebraska. Freshman guard Brittany Chambers will need to continue to be dominant also as she is the second leading scorer on the team.

Tipoff against the Cyclones is scheduled for 2 p.m. at Bramlage Coliseum on Sunday.

"Iowa State has 1,999 plays. If you can defend two of them, then you're doing well."

Deb Patterson  
K-STATE WOMEN'S COACH

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

# Wildcats upset No. 1 Jayhawks for first Big 8 win

Wess Hudelson and Nicole Poell  
COLLEGIAN

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K-State took advantage of its first and only appearance on national television this season, defeating the No. 1 Kansas Jayhawks at Lawrence Monday night on ESPN.

The K-State students in the Kansas arena were not the only ones cheering on the Wildcats during

their 68-64 upset of the Jayhawks, the fans in Aggieville were surprised and excited to see K-State pull off the win.

"Everyone thought we would get blown out, but I knew we could play them close," said Tom Ondick, senior in marketing.

Before the game began, not only was confidence low, but also the attendance at the bars.

"It's been dead in here most of the night, but I noticed a few more people are starting to show up," said Keith Gilmore, bartender at scoreboard, at tip-off.

However, as the Cats' lead grew into double digits, so did the interest and enthusiasm for the game.

"If we keep playing this way, and keep being aggressive, we will be good," said Scott Kohl, while viewing the game at bleachers with friends.

A few brave KU fans voiced their loyalty among many K-State fans at scoreboard. Though they were outnumbered, they did not fear for their safety.

"I'm not afraid," said Chris Troxel, soldier at Fort Riley. "You can only bleed so long."

A former KU student now attending K-State maintained his loyalty to both schools.

"I'm pretty neutral, but the way K-State is playing, they deserve to win," said Jon Seymour, junior in

business management.

As it became apparent K-State was keeping the game close, the tension started to rise at the KU fans' table.

"I think they're just nervous being No. 1," said Steve Delgado, also a Fort Riley soldier.

Fans at Lucky BrewGrille feared the game was slipping away as KU's Sean Pearson hit a three-pointer to tie the game with just over one minute remaining.

Cries of "We're going to blow it," as well as scattered obscenities could be heard throughout the bar.

"I'm afraid they're going to crash and burn," Seymour said.

Anthony Beane, to the delight

of K-State fans everywhere, had an answer for Woodberry's shot when he drained a jump shot with 12 seconds left in the game. Beane then picked up a loose ball from a missed jump shot and was quickly fouled. He then promptly stepped to the free-throw line and quieted the raucous Jayhawk fans by hitting both shots, giving K-State a four-point lead with only 1.9 seconds left.

As the game ended, jubilant fans danced and clapped to a recording of the "Wabash Cannonball" inside Lucky BrewGrille.

"We can barely beat Wichita State; now we beat the No. 1 team in the country," said Nelson Smith, 1991 graduate.

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# Bramlage becoming one of nation’s toughest venues

Justin Nutter | COLLEGIAN

Since Frank Martin was handed the reins of the Wildcat men’s basketball program, losses in Manhattan have become few and far between.

Martin, who is in his third year as K-State’s head coach, has led his squad through 47 games within the confines of Bramlage Coliseum in two-plus seasons. During that span, the Wildcats have lost a grand total of six games in their own gym. Those six losses have been by an average of just 8.8 points.

Love them or not, the Wildcats have become nearly untouchable when playing on their own floor.

“It’s like everything else in life,” Martin said. “It’s not what things appear to be, it’s what the passion inside that house has. Our people have tremendous passion for our basketball team. When you walk out there, you feel it. It’s about the love inside the home, not about the love outside the home.”

Martin believes that love has produced solid results, and the numbers do not lie. Prior to a recent setback against Oklahoma State, the Wildcats put together a school record 14-game home winning streak dating back to last season and, during Martin’s tenure, they have

taken down three top-10 teams in the Little Apple.

That, of course, includes the Wildcats’ recent victory over top-ranked Texas – just the third win over a No. 1 team in the program’s 108-year existence – and a historic win against then-No. 2 Kansas in 2008, the first home win against the Jayhawks since 1998.

“I would credit the fans,” said sophomore forward Jamar Samuels. “I think we have the best fans in college basketball right now. Every game, when they come down the aisles, you can see people falling down, running down and trying to get seats. It’s just a great college experience.”

With K-State in the midst of one of its best seasons in school history, the nation has taken notice of the raucous group of purple-clad fans that filled the arena each game. While calling the game against Texas, ESPN commentator Brent Musberger called the K-State student section one of the best he’s ever seen.

In a visit to Manhattan on Jan. 12, fellow commentator Doug Gottlieb also praised the Bramlage crowd and introduced the country to the building’s nickname, “The Octagon of Doom.”

“It’s been given that name and it’s a great thing,” Martin



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN  
Freshman center **Jordan Henriquez-Roberts** embraces a fan after a win over No. 1 Texas on Jan. 18. While the freshman has not seen much playing time this season, he had a big defensive game against Baylor on Tuesday.

said. “It’s just like the Jacob [Pullen] beard deal. That’s the beauty of college athletics – the student body and the fans embrace your team and they come up with these relationships with the players and the building.”

And the players’ thoughts on the nickname?

“I would say that’s the best name I’ve heard in a long time,” Samuels said. “Just knowing that this building gets that loud at any moment, it’s a great feeling.”

Pullen echoed his teammate’s thoughts, saying the size and location of the student section form the perfect “sixth man” that makes home court advantage so dangerous.

“Not a lot of arenas pack it in like Bramlage does,” Pullen said. “It gets loud, and not just on one side of the court. Our student section is right in the middle of the court. You can’t get away from them the whole game. They’re right there all night.”

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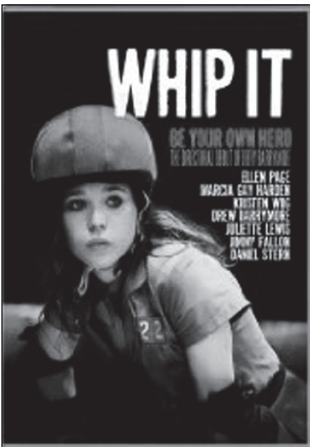


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# Whip It, Whip It's good

“Whip It”  
★★★★☆  
Movie review by Aaron Weiser



In a coming of age tale about teenage rebellion and wayward parenting, the new release DVD “Whip It,” directed and starred in by Drew Barrymore, plunges us into the underbelly of roller derby in Nowhereville, Texas.

Ellen Page portrays a 17-year-old Bliss Cavendar in Bodeen, Texas, where their family lives. Having been pushed into her mother’s agenda for her entire life, Bliss’s best friend in the movie, Pash (Alia Shawkat) convinces her to temporarily dye her hair blue for a beauty pageant, and it’s nothing but downhill for the struggling family from there.

Her mother was a pageant queen in her own day, has her daughters working their way through pageants their entire lives. Beauty and brains, they seem to have it all. Yet the family and kids remain terribly unhappy.

With a sports-loving father, who from many scenes is quite jealous he didn’t have sons or athletic daughters, is distant and pulls himself into, as described by Page, “a turtleshell” where he has not to make decisions.

Annoyed with her life and job at the Oink Joint, Bliss catches a whiff of adulthood while buying shoes one day, as a group of roller skating women come barreling in and leave some flyers for the roller derby.

Determined to see something exciting, the best friends Bliss and Pash take off to Austin on a journey that is destined to change the lives of both of them forever.

As we ride alongside Bliss in her journey to stardom, we see the petite teen take on a roll not often associated with herself, that of a rock star tough woman fighting to make the team. Through teen romance and broken hearts, from Barbie skates to bruises, this movie takes you on a rollercoaster ride snagging all of the emotions on the spectrum.

It was well directed by Barrymore and this movie is not that short of fantastic. Playing to an important fundamental in American lives with struggling parents and money, this movie hits home with many. Laughs are frequent with the awkward life of Page’s character, who struggles to learn the game but also to engage with her new friends, the “Hurl Scouts.”

Some lag time keeps you a bit off edge for some of the movie, but it is full of twists and turns to keep your eyes riveted through the end. For Page and Barrymore, a success, for the rest of you who enjoy a laugh and some action with a touch of female rebellion, this movie is for you.

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# Singin’ the Blues



Country Star and 14 time Grammy Winner, **Ricky Skaggs** fronts on guitar and lead vocals in his performance alongside Kentucky Tunder playings their bluegrass music for the McCain Audiece on Thursday night.

## Bluegrass band performs in McCain Thurs.

**Pauline Kennedy | COLLEGIAN**

McCain Auditorium was filled with the sounds of mandolins and banjos as Grammy award-winning artists Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder took the stage Thursday evening.

The show was the first of the semester for the McCain Performance Series.

With 14 Grammys under his-belt, Ricky Skaggs is one of the best-known bluegrass musicians of his time. He picked up his first mandolin at age 5 and was a known bluegrass musician by 17.

Skaggs and his band Kentucky Thunder, who have won the International Bluegrass Music Association’s Instrumental Group of the Year eight times, brought the stage alive with a variety of Bluegrass tunes. The band played hits such as “Enjoy the Ride,” “Lonesome River” and “The Simple Life.”

Skaggs joked with the audience and shared stories from his childhood between songs. He also took the time to mention a program he has partnered with called World Vision. The program allows people to sponsor a child in the world who is in need.

“They were really talented,” said Kyle Hannigan, sophomore in agricultural economics. Although Hannigan said he usually prefers listening to slower classical country songs, this was a show he had to see.

“You can’t turn down something like that,” he said.

The show brought in fans not just from the Manhattan community, but surrounding areas as well. One such audience member was Rose Mary Whitford, who drove down from Topeka, Kan. for the show.

Whitford said she thought it was good for the community to have such great artists come to the campus.

“It brings a community spirit and keeps the university going,” she said. “It was wonderful.”

With the fast-paced fiddle playing and the complex bluegrass techniques, the event was different from any other that has visited the McCain Performance Series this year. Many audience members said they liked the variety that the series brings to the university.

“K-State has done a good job on bringing diversity to events,” said Manhattan resident Andrea Blair.

Todd Holmberg, executive director of McCain Auditorium said he was glad they were able to bring such a unique American art form to campus.

“Obviously the crowd loved the show,” he said. “We noticed a lot of people in the auditorium that don’t typically come to the McCain events.”

Holmberg said it was great for the community to be able to see American bluegrass artists at the highest level.

“These guys are the best,” he said.



Fans gather and fill the seats of McCain Auditorium to witness the performance by 14-time Grammy winner, Ricky Skaggs, and Kentucky Thunder.

# Willie: the mascot behind the tradition

**Tim Schrag | COLLEGIAN**

K-State has had some pretty remarkable mascots, like Touchdown the live bobcat and Boscoe the dog, but none is more renowned than Willie the Wildcat, the precocious and sometimes ferocious mascot.

Over the years, Willie the Wildcat has had many incarnations, but this personality has only had one mission in life – to represent K-State.

“He’s just symbolic,” said Pat Patton, research specialist for the University Archives. “He’s been around since about 1915, not necessarily as Willie, but over the years Willie has progressed from just a little cat to what he is today.”

Willie Wildcat may be the most famous of the mascots, but he wasn’t the first. In fact, the first costumed mascot wasn’t even a male. Andrea Simmons Andersen, Manhattan High School cheerleader at the time and now K-State alumna, was the first to don a cat costume in 1947. Calling herself Sparky, she lasted one season, according to K-Stater Magazine.

Patton said that when Willie debuted in the early 1960s, he was not officially named until a reporter unknowingly dubbed him.

“Just for lack of a better name, he was writing a story and he just wrote ‘Willie the Wildcat,’” Patton said. “That became the thing, and no one ever bothered to change it. It just stuck.”

Dani Ruoff, head cheer and mascot coach, said having Willie on the sidelines always adds to the traditional college athletic atmosphere. She said Willie enjoys mingling with the crowd, but his signature move is leading the “K-S-U Chant.”

“He’s definitely a symbol of K-State sports,” she said.

Willie makes appearances not only at all of the K-State athletic events, but also at weddings, birthday parties, K-State events and other requested gatherings.

“I think that Willie the Wildcat is everywhere,” she said. “This Wildcat is a pretty talented individual and can be in several places.”

Today there are two separate incarnations of the iconic cat; the student mascot who appears primarily at K-State athletic events and the cartoon mascot, which is part of the official brand of K-State, including the Powercat, the university crest and several secondary logos.

Through the help of Tami Brey Meyer, director of trademark licensing for K-State, Willie has made his way onto a multitude of merchandise, including food packaging, office supplies and tailgating paraphernalia. Though the Powercat is the primary K-State emblem, Brey Meyer said the mascot image has had some resurgence in popularity with alumni and children.

“There’s a fan base that’s really close with Willie the Wildcat the mascot,” she said.

K-Staters have seen the mascot mark resurface as recently as this year, with the premier

of the 2010 K-State Proud campaign logo, which features the “Old Willie.”

Brey Meyer serves as the point of contact for approval for K-State merchandise. Part of her job entails protecting the logos of K-State, including Willie the Wildcat.

“I protect him, because he’s a trademark of the university,” Brey Meyer said.

As the years have gone by in K-State history the cartoon version of Willie the Wildcat has seen various makeovers, some mischievous, some more disgruntled than others.

Patton said many of these incarnations didn’t last very long because K-Staters have a fondness to a specific look for Willie.

“I think people are so protective of Willie that when they do make changes that sometimes it takes people a while to adjust to it, because Willie is quite synonymous to K-State,” she said.

Pat Bosco, vice president for student life and dean of students, said he thinks Willie has become an important part of the institution, especially with the alumni who saw the mascot mark used before the era of the Powercat, but additionally he feels that the physical Willie who appears on the field is an equally important part of K-State tradition.

“Willie the Wildcat is one of the most recognizable college mascots in America today,” said Pat Bosco, vice president for student life and dean of students. “He is an icon. He is a crowd pleaser. Everyone wants their picture taken with our famous mascot.”

## STREET TALK

### Q: What does Willie the Wildcat mean to you?



“Backbone of KSU. An icon.”

Mark Sudbeck  
Senior, kinesiology



“Our mascot, wet Willy.”

J.P. Sibbitt  
Sophomore, nutrition science and pre-med



“I used to have a fear of mascots, but now I love Willy.”

Allison Dandurand  
Sophomore, kinesiology



“The symbol and pride of KSU.”

Elizabeth Manning  
Junior, life sciences



## K-State has ability to beat KU Sat.



Paul Harris

Oklahoma State was an aberration.

Do not get me wrong, the loss stung. It felt like I had been punched in the gut over and over again. Sometimes life punches you in the gut though, and the way you respond speaks volumes of your character.

This K-State team did not enjoy the loss either. It was hard to swallow. Curtis Kelly said he felt for the fans and thought the Oklahoma State game was the game that would elevate the Wildcats into the top-5.

Unfortunately, the loss elevated them closer to the top-15.

The harder you push, the harder this team pushes back. While pressure busts pipes, it also busts this K-State team. But if an opponent overlooks this team, they will walk off the court the same way the Baylor Bears did, along with 16 other teams this season.

Poor shooting turned into the harmonious sound of twine flapping in the wind. Impatience turned into the perfect dissection of a zone defense. It is incredible what a difference three days can make.

This team came into the Ferrell Center with an attitude. Jacob Pullen was in the huddle urging his teammates to get it together and close out the game. Denis Clemente, instead of letting past mistakes impact his next play, dug deep and made plays when they mattered.

Jordan Henriquez-Roberts turned into the force down low many experts predicted would come in a year or two. They say the true test of a man's character is when the man is down to his last glimmer of hope. This K-State team will not die.

It does not just take on the attitude of their fiery coach, but also their fans. This team plays with a chip on its shoulders. They seem lost when the media is appreciative of their effort. Instead of playing with anger and passion, it is 40 minutes of a talent competition.

Whether or not this team goes on to win a Big 12 regular season conference championship is not important. The important thing is this team has the tools.

They did not just beat a Baylor team, they beat a team who employs a wonderful zone defense and would have beaten the Wildcats in the last 23 years.

Call me overexcited, but this gave Frank Martin a win over every team in the Big 12. I would not expect anymore lapses in effort or attention.

The Kansas game is the next chance for K-State to show the nation that Frank Martin's children do not play nice and do not care who they offend in doing so.

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# Walking Tall

## Off the court with Henriquez-Roberts

Ashley Dunkak | COLLEGIAN

Jordan Henriquez-Roberts is a freshman forward on the K-State men's basketball team. In 16 games this season, he has averaged 2.8 points and three rebounds, primarily in a reserve role. The Collegian recently sat down with Henriquez-Roberts to discuss a variety of topics, including his transition to college basketball and his previous athletic experiences.

**Q: What has it been like for you to get accustomed to college and playing on this team?**

A: It's been a big transition, especially coming from prep school. I enjoy it. It was difficult at first, but coming here in the summer prepared me somewhat for the school, just being here in practice every day and helping our starters get better.

**Q: You had one of your best games on Tuesday against Baylor. What made the difference?**

A: Just coming in, being able to take up space, block shots and rebound the ball. I feel like I helped contribute to that win and definitely we collaborated as a team. It came down to the last few possessions of the game, and we got the W.

**Q: What's the earliest you remember playing basketball?**

A: I would say around 8 years old, playing in the little league, being slow on my feet and not being able to run fast and dribble the ball. I've come a long way.

**Q: Who has had the biggest influence on you in your life?**

A: My grandfather. He was there for me when I was a baseball player because I was a baseball player when I was

younger. Unfortunately he passed away when I was 10, but I've always thought of him when I think of the game of basketball. He always told me to push myself, from day one.

**Q: When did you switch over from baseball to basketball?**

A: I switched over after I got hit by a pitch and I wasn't wearing a cup. So that was the last game I ever played at baseball.

**Q: What are some of the biggest ways you think you have improved this season?**

A: Definitely being able to get stronger and more physical down on the low block and also being able to guard bigger, stronger centers that have more experience than I do, juniors or seniors who actually know what they're doing.

**Q: Talk about the camaraderie among you and your teammates.**

A: They're all fun to be around. I love hanging out with my four other freshmen and also being around Jacob [Pullen] and Chris [Merriwether] and Jamar [Samuels] and Curtis [Kelly] all the time. I actually knew Curtis from New York because we're both from New York, so he and I have a long track record together.

**Q: What made you come to K-State?**

A: Definitely having a great relationship with Coach Martin and just sitting down and him telling me why specifically he wanted me and what role he wanted me in for this program. He told me I was going to have to come in and work hard, come in and get stronger.

**Q: What's your favorite thing about Manhattan?**

A: The small atmosphere. It's the Little Apple. Being from New York, I consider it the Little Apple.



### TRACK AND FIELD

## Cats continue individual, team meet in Iowa

Justin Nutter | COLLEGIAN

For the second weekend in a row, the K-State track and field team will get a taste of team-scored competition, but this time, a few Wildcats will get a chance to showcase their individual talents as well.

Freshman Isaac Mallory started things off for K-State at the Bill Bergen Invitational in Ames, Iowa when he competed in the men's heptathlon on Thursday. According to head coach Cliff Rovelto, Mallory – normally a pole vaulter – has solid performances in events in which he's never competed.

He set a personal record in every event, Rovelto said of the true freshman. "His marks were basically right at, for the most

part, what I kind of anticipated he was ready to do, so I thought he did a nice job. That fact that each of his efforts improved in the course of competition when he's never done these things before is impressive."

Another Wildcat will be in unfamiliar territory when Lauren Garrott – also a true freshman – joins senior Stephanie Hejde in the women's pentathlon today. Garrott has never participated in a combined-event competition during her young collegiate career.

"Really, the only thing [Garrott] has done is hurdle, so everything else she does in competition will basically be the first time she's ever done it," Rovelto said.

Hejde has plenty of combined-event experience, including a seventh-place finish in the pen-

tathlon at last year's conference championship.

K-State will wrap up the meet Saturday. The six-team field includes tournament host Iowa State, Big 12 Conference foe Missouri, North Dakota, North Dakota State, South Dakota and Minnesota.

This is the second time in as many meets the Wildcats will take on a ranked opponent, as Minnesota's men's squad is currently ranked No. 12. K-State's men will enter the meet at No. 22.

"Those rankings are basically from a national perspective, so they're not necessarily a reflection of a dual-meet team," Rovelto said. "They're kind of different measures. You could have somebody who's first in the rankings and, in a dual meet, they might

not be very good, and vice versa. But Minnesota has a good team in both respects."

In addition to praising the Golden Gophers, Rovelto had good things to say about every other school in the field.

"Iowa State has some really good athletes in certain event areas," he said. "Missouri, in way, is a lot like us. They have a lot of similar strengths. The North Dakota and South Dakota schools are also some pretty good programs. They have some good, quality athletes. I think the competition will be very good."

This is the first of three trips K-State will make to Ames this season. The Wildcats will return Feb. 12 for the Iowa State Classic, and Feb. 26 for the Big 12 indoor championships.

### TENNIS

## Wildcats to open spring season this weekend in Iowa

Danny Davis | COLLEGIAN

The women's tennis team will begin its spring season this weekend as they compete against Northern Iowa and Drake. Currently, the team holds a five game season opener winning streak.

Antea Huljev and Nina Sertic will compete in doubles matches. During the fall season, they led the team in doubles wins. In Iowa, however, they will not be paired together, said Coach Steve Bietau.

The Wildcats have four returners from last season and four freshmen.

"These will be the first dual matches ever for the freshmen," Bietau said. "There is a lot of things we just don't know yet."

Bietau said that he thought the team has been making good progress, but they won't know until the matches begin.

He commended the team

on their performance at Georgia two weeks ago. The likelihood of winning at Georgia was improbable, he said.

"They competed well and stayed fully engaged," Bietau said. "That was a good sign."

He went on to say that Anna Gomez Aleman, freshman, did a nice job in her three-set win and that Carmen Borau Ramos, freshman, also had good moments.

The match on Saturday will be the first time K-State plays Northern Iowa. Bietau said that he was not familiar with the team.

"We've been focusing entirely on our team the past three weeks," Bietau said.

The Wildcats have beaten Drake for six straight matches. A victory against Drake would be a win within the Missouri Valley Conference.

Saturday's match in Des Moines is set for 10 a.m.



Antea Huljev, junior in business administration, competes during a match last spring.

Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN



Collegian should cover State of Union

I am embarrassed for our campus. The day after the State of the Union address, I picked up a copy of the K-State Collegian looking for a recap of Barack Obama's speech. I was expecting to find it on page one or two, but where did I find it? On the very last page of the Collegian in a box, not even an eighth of a page big. I am embarrassed because a very important speech made by our nation's president only once a year was barely covered. To make it worse, it wasn't even written by someone from our own school.


I am unsure as to why you decided to neglect this event, since it pertains to each and every one of us at this school whether we are an admin-

istrator, teacher or student. Political parties are irrelevant when it comes to coverage of the State of the Union. Whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, everything the president says affects you. The health care reform he addressed affects our pre-nursing, pre-physicsians assistant and pre-medical students. Anything about war efforts affects our ROTC students and anything about the recession affects the entirety of the school. The recession has affected our school's budget and the number of student and teaching jobs on campus, and will affect every student once they enter the workforce whether it is this spring or in the next few years.

I am embarrassed because you

chose to cover smaller stories that do not directly affect anyone on this campus ("Lowery wins settlement against City") rather than a nationally important event. I now understand why the Fourum was one of the few things read in the Collegian: because you forget about the important things. If this newspaper is trying to become more respected in the community and trying to become more credible I think your focus should be on covering nationally important news rather than spending your time cutting out the most popular section of the newspaper.

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academic pursuits. If Obama has his way, Moeder said he thought the amount of money distributed via the Pell Grant would increase, and more students would be admitted into the program, helping to curb the rising costs of college. Moeder said the cost of attending K-State is less than other institutions – a result of “a very strong effort” by the Board of Regents, students, and the administration. However, it still remains difficult for students to fund their

education. He praised Obama for helping to restrict college costs and increase student financial assistance. “Nationally, college costs are getting way out of hand,” Moeder said, “and so, I think the effort to control college costs is a good proposal as well.” On the other side of campus, Joseph K. Unekis, Ph.D., associate professor of political science, said President Obama had “only Reagan and Kennedy in his class” of speakers. “I look on his speech as almost

elegant,” Unekis said; “nothing is wasted.” He said all the issues Obama mentioned – not just those about higher education – were important and applicable to students at K-State. Like the economy, Obama said the country is slated to have 1.5 million new jobs created by the end of this year, thanks to the stimulus bill. After some hopeful case studies of small-business owners and entrepreneurs, he acknowledged that many are still unemployed, making this the big-

gest issue for him. “That is why jobs must be our number-one focus in 2010,” he said, “and that’s why I’m calling for a new jobs bill tonight.” Unekis said, since most students who graduate from K-State will be searching for employment, it is vital that more jobs are created. One big subject that many expected the president to address was the reform on health care. Obama did speak about it, but very briefly towards the end of the speech. He said middle and

lower-class Americans are struggling financially, and they do not need a hefty medical bill exacerbating their problems. “I will not walk away from these Americans, and neither should the people in this chamber,” he said. Professor Unekis said it was smart of Obama to not focus his speech on health care. Polls are showing that people care more about the economy and jobs than health care, so more attention should be paid to those issues, which Obama did.

## Up in the Air



Bob Biang, junior in construction science and management, takes a leap from the diving board into the diving pool at the Natatorium.

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